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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM U.S. ORGANIZATION RE ARREST
OF ADMIRAL SARMENTO RODRIGUES

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM
PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN SOCIETY IN SAN DIEGO:

"WE URGENTLY REQUEST YOUR INQUIRY OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF PORTUGAL TO EXPLAIN THE ARREST OF ADMIRAL SARMENTO
RODRIGUES STOP ADMIRAL RODRIGUES HAS BEFRIENDED MANY
AMERICAN CITIZENS STOP SINCE 1969, HE HAS REPRESENTED
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION
OF THE DISCOVERY OF CALIFORNIA BY THE PORTUGUESE
EXPLORER JUAN RODRIGUES CABRILLO STOP A COMMUNITY
OF OVER 5000 AMERICAN-PORTUGUESE IN SAN DIEGO HAVE
EXPRESSED SHOCK AND CONCERN OF THIS BRUTAL ACTION BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL. WE URGE YOU TO ASSIST IN THE
IMMEDIATE RELEASE AND SAFE RETURN OF ADMIRAL SARMENTO
RODRIGUES TO HIS WIFE; FAMILY AND FRIENDS. PLEASE
REPLY TO MR. MANUEL O MEDINA, PRESIDENT SOCIEDAD ESPIRITO
SANTO HALL 655 SAN ELIJO SAN DEIGO, CALIFORNIA 92106.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ABOVE CASE,
SUBJECTS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND ANY EMBASSY COMMENT
WHICH MAY BE USEFUL IN HELPING DEPT REPLY TO THIS QUERY. INGERSOLL

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